

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Yasumasa Kodama 09/731,994 Filed December 7, 2000 DATA RECORDING AND REPRODUCING APPARATUS AND For DATA RECORDING AND REPRODUCING METHOD Boccio, Vincent F. Examiner 2616 Art Unit 745 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10151 Tel: 212-588-0800 **Commissioner for Patents** P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional fee is required. The fee has been calculated as shown below. This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply. Claims as Amended (6)(1) (2)(3)(4)(5)Claims remaining after Highest Present extra Rate amendment number previously paid for ** = 20 * 0 x \$50 (25) Minus Total claims 10 Minus *** = 2 * 0 x \$200 (100) Independent claims 2 Total additional fee for this amendment If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5. If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space. *** If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space. This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$300 (150) has been previously paid , or is paid herewith This response is being filed within the ____ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a ___ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed. \square A check in the amount of \square is attached, which covers the cost of \square additional claims \underline{x} petition for extension of time. Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. Please charge any additional fees incurred by reason of this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0320. EXPRESS MAIL Respectfully submitted, Mailing Label Number: EV 723367242 US FROMMER LAWRENCE & HAUG LLP Attorneys for Applicants Date of Deposit: November 15, 2005 I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United Thomas F. Presson States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service Reg. No. 41, 442 under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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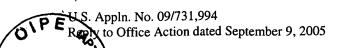
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AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 9, 2005, having a three-month statutory period of response set to expire on December 9, 2005, Applicant submits

herewith a Request for Continued Examination and a check in the amount of \$790.00 as payment of the fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.